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**Lt. Governor Ellspermann Announces Stormwater Improvement
Program Grant Awards**

INDIANAPOLIS – Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann announced today that four Indiana communities are receiving grants totaling \$2 million through the Stormwater Improvement Program, managed by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA). Cloverdale, Center Point, Troy, and Trafalgar are each receiving \$500,000 from this program funded through the Federal Community Development Block Grant Program.

Bill Davis, director of OCRA, commented, “Hoosiers in many communities have suffered from flooded property and sewer backups due to inadequate stormwater management. Flooding is expensive to clean up, depresses property values, and degrades water quality. These grants will help alleviate these problems and associated costs.”

In Cloverdale (Putman County), grant funds will be used for a storm water improvement project which includes the installation of 4,150 linear feet of storm sewers, larger capacity storm water pipes and other storm water drainage structures. The existing storm sewers were installed in 1950 or before and are in need of replacement due to age.

In Center Point (Clay County), grant funds will be used for a storm water improvement project which includes the installation of approximately 1,700 linear feet of storm sewers, including larger capacity storm water lines (12-30 inches), 12 to 24 inch PVC storm water lines, 6 man holes, 10 inlets, 15 end sections, and related ditch and grading improvements. Storm water issues have been present in the town since the late 1960’s and have become a major concern since the 2008 floods.

In Troy (Perry County), grant funds will be used for a storm water improvement project which includes the installation of 2,040 linear feet of storm drainage piping ranging in size from 12 to 42 inches in diameter and approximately 21 drainage structures to alleviate flooding, ponding water, sink holes, and health and safety concerns. This project is part of the community’s master utility study that was completed in 2010.

In Trafalgar (Johnson County), grant funds will be used for a storm water improvement project which includes the installation of 2,270 linear feet of storm sewer pipe including larger capacity pipes, 23 catch basins, 9 manholes, and 4 end sections. The current infrastructure is about 75 years old and is inadequate.

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